THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH—NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.

NEWS RELATED IN A PARAGRAPH.

The Latest Happenings of a Personal and General Nature.

IN AND AROUND PORTSMOUTH

Miss Libbie Bethune, who has been guest of the family of Mr. W. J. gers for several weeks, returned by yesterday via the Merchants' and

home yesterday via the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company. The attendance at Monumental Rosebud meeting Sunday was large. The schools will close Friday for the holidays. They open again on Wednesday, January 24.

The big fire attracted quite a number of people to the yard yesterday. Mr. Thomas McKinley, of Shreveport, La., an old newspaper man, was in the city yesterday. He gave the Virginian-Pilot a call.

Christmas is just one week off from today.

of this city, arrived in New York Sunday from Europe, where they had been since July. They will return home today.

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Miss Maggie Clark, of Lynchburg, who has been visiting in the city for some time, returned home yesterday.

Attention is called to ad. of F. J. Barlow & Bro. in this issue.

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Attention is called to ad. of John A;
Morris, in which he announces that his
next semi-annual sale will take place
on Saturday, the 23th inst.
Read Emmett Deans' ad. in another
column. A big reduction in dolls,
Miss Minnie White has returned from
an extended visit to Pennsylvania and
New Jersey.
See ad. of W. R. King, in which he
quotes special prices for this week.
A leather top buggy. See ad.
A lost dog is advertised for. See ad.
and return as directed.
The Huntley-Jackson Company will
present "The Count of Monte Cristo"
at the Lyceum Theatre next Friday
night for the benefit of the Portsmouth
Lodge, B. P. O. E.,
Portsmouth Lodge, B. P. O. E., decided last night to hold a social session the night of the 21st, and will
watch the old year out and the new
year in. There will be a number of
invited guests.
'In the county clerk's office yesterday
a license was issued Joseph Cuipepper
to wed Mary A. Culpepper, both of
Norfolk county.

ASSAULTED WITH A MAUL.

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Saturday afternoon Mr. Thomas
Livertson a blacksmith at the S. A. L.
shops, was assaulted with a fifteen
pound maul by a man named Vinson,
who was also employed at the shops.
Mr. Livertson claims that he was at
work and that Vinson came to him
and wanted some work done. Livertson said that he did not have time
to do it. This made Vinson angry,
and he told Livertson that he would do
it himself. Livertson objected, and
Vinson struck him (Livertson) in the
face with the maul, making some ugly vinson struck him, making some ugly cuts. Vinson then fled. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, but up to this writing Vinson had not been

NAVAL ORDERS.

The following naval orders have been | ing unlocked, issued: Captain C. S. Sperry is detached from the Bureau of Equipment and ordered

to walt orders.

Lieutenant F. L. Chadwick is ordered

Lieutenant F. L. Chadwick is ordered to duty on the Kearsarge. The flagship Chicago has arrived at Buenos Ayres. The training ship Topeka left Naples yesterday for Algiers. The torpedo boat Foote salied from Newport for Boston ,but was obliged to return to port on account of bad weather. The Hartford has arrived at Porto Cabello. The Wilmington has salled from Aden for Colombo. The Atlanta has left Bahla for Montevideo.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

In Police Court yesterday Mayor Baird continued the case of William McMillan and W. L. Kerney, both colored, charged with stealing lumber, until today. The men were accused of selling several loads of timber used for scaffolding at St. Paul's Catholic church. The timber was church preperty

erity.

Emma Land and Lillie Willis, colored, were charged with fighting and Lillie being proven the aggressor, was fined \$5. Lillie was discharged.

David Downing, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.

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Sunday afternoon little Feloment
Branco, daughter of Mr. and Mr.
Fortuna Branco, was standing over the
fire at her father's residence, at No.
228 Henry street, when by some many
her clothing caught on fire, and before
the flames could be oxtinguished the
was so badly burned that she died yterday morning at 5 o'ciock. Dr. V (C.
Culpepper did all he could for her. The
fineral will take place this morning at
J0 o'clock.

TRANSFERS OF COUNTY REAL ESTATE.

Thomas Townsend et ux. and E. R.
Joyner et ux. to Eliza O. Pollard, eight
lots in Norfolk county; \$875.
W. W. Starke, Jr., and other's to L.
D. Starke, lot in Norfolk county.
Pinners Point Land Company to
William Henry Hardin and William
Samuel Creighton, lot in Norfolk county; \$250.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

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Jury Find That Esleeck Was Partly Contributary To Accident, Causing His Death.

Acting Coroner John C. Niemeyer and a jury of inquest in the case of Mr. Charles A. Esleeck, who was killed Saturday night by a ear on the Porismouth Street Railway, viewed the body Sunday morning at the residence on Fourth street. An adjournment was taken until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when the jury reassembled at the Police Station and heard the teatmony of a number of witnesses. Motorman Grandy repeated the statement made to the newspaper men the night before as to the accident, Eoch he and Conductor Gay were positive that the car gong was being sounded just before Mr. Esleeck was struck.

The fact was developed that there were witnesses who had seen Esleeck shortly before his death and many

shortly before his death, and many who saw him afterwards, but only one who saw him meet his death. This was Motorman Grandy.

Layina Mansfield, a colored woman, saw Mr. Esceeck start across Lincoln street, but did not hear the cur gong, nor did she see the man struck. It was testified that Mr. Esleech was deaf, and it is probable that not hearing the cur he started across the

accident, causing his death.

STOLE A BARREL OF WHISKEY.

front of Mr. Lem Privott's store, corner of County and Chestnut streets. The barrel was seen then at that hour. At 11:39 Mr. Privott told the colored man to roll the barrel in. The man went back in the store and reported that the barrel was gone. Mr. Privott looked around and found that it was true. He then went to Justice Peed's office and told Constables Cherry and McWilliams about the theft.

These gentlemen came down to Mr. Privott's store, got some lanterns and searched all around, but failed to find it. They went across the street and near the curb they saw an indention in the ground which looked as though it had been made by the churn of the barrel. They went further, but the rolling of the barrel across the plank walk threw them off their track for a few minutes. A further search showed more tracks which led to the gate of a man named Herman Messenger.

About this time Mr. Isadore, a brother-in-law of Messenger, passed and asked the trouble. The officers said that a barrel of whiskey had been stolen and that it had been traced to thut gate, and that they wanted the key to get in.

Isadore said: "To my knowledge the gate has not been unlocked for three, weeks, but he would go around to his brother's store and get the key," which he did.

The officers then entered and saw the

It out in the street and carried it to Justice Peed's office.

Messenger was later arrested, charged with having stolen property on his premises. The justice bailed him in the sum of \$190 for his appearance today or tomorrow.

The officers think that they know the men who carried it to Messenger's house and have warrants for their arrest. The barrel of whiskey cost \$64. The statement of the gate not being unlocked, the officers claim to be ing unlocked, the officers claim to be unitue, as there were fresh tracks of cart wheels in the lane, and that they had seen a load of coke go in there

and yester and been lost actions and could not be replaced autogether impossible, he said, or estimate the damage just now. Mr. Siahl was in his office about an hour and a half before the fire broke out, and everything then seemed to be introduced win, aged 2 years. The funeral will lake place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from their residence.

Mrs. Lilliam Miller, wife of Mr. J. Saunders 'Miller, died Sunday at footlock at the residence of her husband on B street, Park View, after a lingering illness. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 12 o'clock from the residence, Rev. R. B. Egglestor, performing the services. The remains to surfolk for interment. The following gentlemen acted as pailleafters. F. D. Gill, E. S. Burners, and accompanied the remains to Suffice.

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TWO ATTEMPTS TO STEA

Sometime between 2 and yesterday morning some one air N. A. Cowers' residence. It is blackflite street, and attempted to robble them to be a some of some valuable chickens. Mr. Powers heard the chickens heler and raised the window and the thick ran or. Later he came back, and made another attempt. He was heard again and was run off.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN THE NAVY YARD.

Naval Constructor's Office Completely Wiped Out.

CANNOT REPLACE BRASS.

licated in the Navy Department The

which has occurred in the navy yard deaf, and it is probable that not hearing the car he started across the track and was struck.

As the jury wished to hear some witnesses who were not on hand Sunday afternoon, the hearing was adjourned until last night, when the jury again met at the Police Station.

Among several witnesses examined little was brought out throwing any light on the situation and the investilight on the situation and the investiwas located in the north end of the building. As yet, it is impossible to estimate the damage, but when it is known that many of the plans and drawings were not duplicated in the navy department in Washington, that the loss of books, accounts and correspondence will gripple the department for months and perhaps for years, the magnitude of the thing is easily appreciated.

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Watchman Charles McDonald discovered the fire while making his rounds, and turned in an alarm which brought out the fire department of the yard, seconded by a guard of marines. As the flames steadily galmed headway, the entire marine force in barracks was called into service, and Captain Watson, executive officer of the yard, assumed direction of affairs. The fire apparently began about midway of the building beside a bulk-head which divided it. All of the lower floor and the south end of the second story were filled with equipment stores, the constructor's office and the apartments of the clerical force being in the nof-th end of the building, second floor.

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No one knows on which side of the bulkhead the fire started as the flames had almost demolished it when discovered. The fire worked its way rapidly toward the north end of the bullding in defiance of the firemen, and a brisk northwest wind. This feature of the conflagration was a mystery to the firemen until it was remembered that between the peak of the roof and the ceiling of the hallway was a large triangular space which acted as a flue. It spread the flames with surprising rapidity, and before any one suspected the danger the whole north end of the bullding was wrapped in a solid sheet of flame. An effort was then made to save the constructor's most valuable papers, but it was more than a man's life was worth to enter even the hallway leading to the offices. At one stage of the fire a party of marines climbed through a window into a room in the second stery when even the hallway leading to the offices. At one stage of the fire a party of marines climbed through a window into a room in the second story, when the floor, having been weakened by the burning of the joists, gave way and precipitated fifteen of the men to the floor below. All made their escape through the windows, and fourteen of these who fell were taken to the dispensary to be treated for the

Seven streams were playing on the building from engines and tugs, but produced little effect. About 6 o'clock the Independent Engine Company and the Hook and Ladder Company were sent to the scene of the fire and were in service for two hours, and did not subdue the flames entirely until 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

Naval Constructor Stahl said yesterday that 7,000 drawings had been lost, many of which could not be replaced. It was altogether impossible, he said, to estimate the damage just now. Mr. Stahl was in his office about an hour and a half before the fire broke out, and everything then seemed to be in-

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William Henry Hardin and William Samuel Creighton, lot in Norfolk country; \$250.

AN UNGRATEFUL NEGRO.

Sunday night a negro stopped at the water works pumping station house and asked the fireman to allow him to warm-himself. The requised was granted. The regross tayed as long as he desired and when he left took the fireman met the negro with him. Yesterday the fireman met the negro with his shoes on and had him arrested. Justice Peed committed him to jail for sixty days.

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BAILEY.—At the residence, No. 44 Randolph street, Portsmouth, Va., De comber 16, 1900, at 125 a. m., Mrs. SUSAN FRANCES BAILEY, aged 63 years and 16 months.

CHRISTMAS GOODS & &

Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Raisins, Grapes, and all Kinds Nuts, Preserved Ginger and Sweet Cider.

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3 lbs, Best Jelly for 10 c.

Mixed Nuis (new), pound 14 c.

Lemons (fancy), dozen 10 c.

Arbuckle's Coffee, pound 13 c.

Layer Figs, pound 10 c.

Turkey, pound 10 c.

Crape Juce, bottle, 18 2-3 and 33 1-3c.

Fickled Peaches, quart 25 c.

Fig Feet, pound 5 c.

Roneless Herrings, can 72c.

Blackberries, can 72c.

Also good display of Cranberries, Candes, Oranges, Apples, Baranas, etc.

OST-ON HIGH STREET. PORTS mouth Monday, December 17, a Fe male Ratterier Pup, white with brown cars. The finder will please return he and receive a reward. W. C. CHERRY corner Luke and Peachtree streets Prentis Place.

W ANTED-POSITION BY A BOOK keeper with good references. Address BOOKKEEPER, bare Virginian Pilot office.

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mechanic who thoroughly understands
drawings. "COMPETENT," this office.

FOR SALE TO A QUICK BUYER theap-house and lot 314 Green street sewer concetion. Bath room, tub, etc S. W. WEAVER, Druggist. del5-3t del5-3t

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SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ES-TATE IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

By John C. Niemeyer, Auctioneer,

Pursuant to a derive of the Court of Hustings for the city of Portsmouth, en-tered on the 8th day of December, 1900, in the chancery suit of T. Raymond Nee and wife vs. Sarah Campbell and others, we shall sell at public auction, for cash, before the Courthouse door in the city of Portsmouth, Va., on

THURSDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF DE-CEMBER, 1900,

CEMBER, 1900,

at 12 o'clock M., the following property:

1st. A CERTAIN LOT, with improvements thereon, beginning at a point 115
feet west from the southwest intersection of Lincoln and Third streets; thence west 25
feet on south side of Lincoln street; thence south 101 feet; thence cast 25 feet, and thence north 101 feet to point of beginning, number of house being 315 Lincoln street.

2d. A CERTAIN LOT, with one-half of double frame tenement, beginning on south side of Lincoln street at a point 140 feet west of the southwest intersection of Lincoln and Third streets; thence west 20 feet; thence south along the middle line of the double frame tenement 101 feet; thence cast 20 feet, more or less; thence north 101 feet to the beginning, number of house being 317 Lincoln street.

3d. A CERTAIN LOT, with other half of double frame tenement, beginning at the centre line of said double frame tenement on the south side of Lincoln street the centre line of said double frame tenement on the south side of Lincoln street was the centre line of said double frame tenement on the south side of Lincoln street 101 feet, thence west 20 feet, more or less; thence south 101 feet west of the south west distant 105 feet west of the south surface, thence north 101 feet to the beginning, number of house being 319.

4th A CERTAIN LOT, with the improvements, beginning at a point on the south side of Lincoln street 219 feet, more or less, from the southwest intersection of Lincoln and Third streets; thence west 25 feet; thence onth 121 feet to the beginning, number of house being 327.

Reference is made to a recent/plat of said property filed with the papers in the suit.

WILLIAM W. OLD, JR.

I hereby certify that the bond required

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If you have not already bought your Winter Suit or Overcoat, this will be your chance. MONEY CHEERFULLY RETURNED FOR GOODS THAT DO NOT SUIT.

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Boy's Suits.

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